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# Community Business Enterprise Program

## What is the Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program?

The Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program was established to allow business enterprises owned by minorities, women, the disadvantaged, and disabled veterans to take advantage of opportunities in government and private-sector procurement programs.

### Who is eligible to participate?

Your business must be certified as any one of the following:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Women Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)



## How are a MBE and WBE eligible for certification with Los Angeles County?

Your business must:

1. Be owned by citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States who are:
  - Black/African
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - Asian/Pacific Islander
  - Filipino
  - American Indian, and/or
  - Women
2. Have at least 51 percent ownership by one or more minorities or women, and
3. Be managed by and the daily business operations controlled by one or more minorities or women.

### What are the benefits?

Your business will be included in the County's CBE listing, which is an invaluable resource used by many County departments, public agencies, private-sector prime and subcontractors to meet subcontracting goals.

## How are a DBE and DVBE eligible for certification and participation?

Although the County does not certify DBEs and DVBEs, the CBE program recognizes these businesses for program participation purposes.

Your business must be certified by either of the following departments to participate in the CBE program:

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which certifies a business as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business
- The State of California, which certifies a business as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

### How do I apply for certification/participation?

Complete the Application for Participation and Acknowledgment of Sanctions form, found at: [file.lacounty.gov/dca/cms1\\_230943.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/dca/cms1_230943.pdf).

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